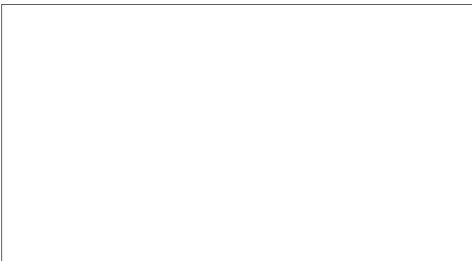


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Thank you for sending me the Report on the Consortium for the Study of Intelligence. In fact I had not seen it, although I have been reading the volumes in the series itself.

As may have mentioned, I was so struck by that quote of the Pope's you showed me that I called the next day to request a copy. It truly is a remarkable statement for a man to have made who was in his position at the time.

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This week has been especially sloppy down here, what with that New York Times article alleging that Bill and Tom Enders told Congress that the insurgents in Nicaragua would soon succeed. The story in the next day's edition is as close to a full retraction as I have ever seen in the New York Times. What a sad commentary when the Director of Central Intelligence needs to reassure Congress and the public that our side is in no imminent danger of winning.

Sincerely,

Herbert E. Meyer
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